Bloomington/Richfield
Family Center
Lutheran Social Services
1-494 Corridor Commission
Independent School
District 271
Creekside Music Program
AARP

Bloomington Breakfast
OPTIMISTS
Martin Luther Manor
Bloomington Public Sch
Community
Education
McGough Companies
Meals on Wheels
mic Blue Cross and Blue Shi

Medalist Concert Band
Metro Mobility
A-Z FRIENDLY
Languages
Metro Transit
City of EAGAN
Normandale Community
College
Metropolitan Council

Micron Molding
Senior OUTREACH
Cornerstone
Minnesota Department of
Health
Presbyterian Homes
Allied Waste Systems
Minnesota PARK Supervisors

Minnesota Sports Federation
Bloomington Senior
MUSIC Program
Mountain ENVIRONMENTAL
Nine Mile Creek
Watershed District
Hennepin County Community Prevention
Coalition

Normandale COMMUNITY
College
Community Dental
Clinic Board
Bloomington, Edina and
Richfield School
Nurses
Minnesota Department of

Minnesota
SHE Inc.
Drug Enforcement
Agency
Hansen, Jergenson, Nergaard
& Co., LLP
Unemployment –
Department of Economic

2005 HIGHLIGHTS – STRENGTH IN NUMBERS



EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

PARTNERSHIPS ENHANCE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

ROM PUBLIC SAFETY TO COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION, COMBINING OUR RESOURCES serves us better. The highlights of 2005 are made possible by the people who are committed to the ongoing success of our community.

POLICE INCREASE EFFORTS TO REDUCE TRAFFIC SPEED PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS DECREASE AS A RESULT

Two of the largest public safety concerns voiced by residents are increased traffic and speeding. To address these concerns, police use devices that monitor speed, volume, type of car and speeding times to target speeders in specific neighborhoods. Trailers that display motorists' speeds also let people know the police are watching and remind motorists to check their speeds.

Since 2004, Bloomington Police began targeting high-volume crash

areas with extra traffic law enforcement. As a result, personal injury accidents in Bloomington have decreased.

"Keeping motorists' speeds down reduces crashes," Officer Bret Anderberg said. "In general, 30 mph and below are the speeds at which drivers have the most control over their vehicle."

Last summer, Bloomington Police partnered with Eden Prairie, Edina, Eagan, Mendota Heights, Minneapolis and the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in a combined effort to reduce motorists' speeds. The Speed Wave campaign was a

coalition of 10 state, county and local law enforcement agencies working together to target speeding drivers in an effort to reduce crashes and traffic injuries.





Bloomington Police received the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Public Safety
Representative Award for their dedication to reducing drunk and impaired driving in Bloomington.
Officer Salim Omari, above right with Commander Paul McCullough, was honored as MADD Rookie of the Year for his 41 DUI arrests in 2005.

After - Convenient, modern housing and new shopping areas enhance the neighborhood.

COMMUNITY RENEWAL INCREASES LIVABILITYREDEVELOPMENT TRANSFORMS AREA OF CITY

The City has policies for constant and sustainable renewal of the community.

As part of the process, the City identifies where its involvement will encourage redevelopment. Since 1997, more than \$7 million has been provided for property enhancement initiatives such as acquisition of vacant buildings and the rehabilitation of blighted properties.

United Properties, with assistance from the Bloomington and Housing Redevelopment Authority, constructed the Lyndale Green redevelopment at 84th Street and Lyndale Avenue. The project transformed an obsolete warehouse, grocery store and adjacent vacant building into a new neighborhood shopping area

that includes the 95-unit Applewood Pointe Senior Cooperative, 38 townhomes and 12 "brownstone-styled" row homes, a new Cub Foods store, a 10,800-square-foot retail building and one-acre public park that will be completed this summer.

The Lyndale Green redevelopment

project was honored with the Minnesota Shopping Center Association's 2005 STARR (Shopping Center Tribute Award for Retail Real Estate) Award for best redevelopment.



Before - Facilities were underdeveloped and dated.

BLOOMINGTON GROWS STRONGER EVERY DAY

REAL ESTATE MARKET VALUE TOPS \$11 BILLION THIS YEAR

Bloomington reached a milestone in 2005 when the city's total real estate market value surpassed \$10 billion.

Major redevelopment, renewal of existing properties and infrastructure improvements more than doubled the city's tax base since 1995. As property taxes are spread over a larger base, the costs to taxpayers are reduced.

Growth continued for 2006 as real estate value topped \$11.1 billion. In one year, market value grew \$800 million or \$2.2 million per day. Through the efforts of many businesses,

organizations and individuals, Bloomington continues to be a desirable community to live, raise a family and do business:

- The City of Bloomington helps market values grow by maintaining and enhancing public safety services, water, sewer, roads and parks. The investment residents and businesses have made in the community is strengthened.
- New development boosts values. Two major projects are underway, Bloomington Central Station and the Mall of America's expansion. When

combined with the Mall's Phase I, the completed projects will total \$2.5 billion.

- Citizens' investment in educational facilities provides an excellent return in property values. Quality schools are a major consideration when choosing a place to live. Because the city's schools are top-rated, Bloomington is a popular city in which to live and work.
- By reinvestment in their existing properties, residents and businesses continue to see one of their most important assets appreciate.

eflections at Bloomington Central Station was chosen Best Overall Project in the Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal's Best in Real Estate award competition. The two, 17-story condominium towers, that began construction in 2004, are the first phase of McGough's \$700 million redevelopment. According to the Business Journal, the project is a trailblazing effort because of its light-rail integration and unique, environmentally friendly design within an underdeveloped area. Opening this summer, more than 90 percent of the 267 units are sold. Construction of a 1.5-acre park at **Bloomington Central Station begins** this summer.



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2005 Total market value comparison of five most populous Minnesota cities





In a comparison of Minnesota's five most populous cities, Bloomington ranked third in total market value. A per capita comparison shows Bloomington's total market value is highest.

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